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TO:

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FROM:

Frank Filas

RE:

Reopening of the Avalanche 13 Mine, INA/037/033

Uranium Resources and Development Company received Division and United States Forest Service (U.S.F.S.) approval to reopen the Avalance 13 Mine and several adjacent prelaw mines in 1978. The project was put on indefinite hold in 1979 after only minor surface preparation was completed.

Kevin Shumway of TKS Mining Company (TKS) is currently proposing to reopen the Avalanche 13 Mine which is on U.S.F.S. land. The mine will have to be dewatered and cleaned up before mining can commence. TKS has received approval to pump into the existing lined ponds by the Department of Health.

Irene Savanjo of the Manti-LaSal National Forest states that the Shumways have U.S.F.S. approval for the clean-up and pumping stage, but they will have to file an operating plan and bond prior to mining. She believes that the surface disturbance will probably cover three to four acres. I requested that she send us a copy of the plan when it is received.

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cc: Lowell Braxton, Administrator Irene Savanjo, Manti-LaSal National Forest, Moab

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